



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge John Gutsmedl, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: For the crime of Counterfeiting, William J. Johnson, Jr. was sentenced by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior United States District Court Judge, to serve 20 months in a federal prison, to thereafter serve 2 years on Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

Johnson owns a janitorial service in Omaha, which primarily cleans Dollar General stores around the midwest. In 2006, he started counterfeiting \$100 bills on his business computer. Counterfeit currency was fronted to his various crews who were to use it for expenses while on the road and then bring the "change" back, which he split 50/50 with the office manager. Twenty different serial numbers have been linked to Johnson's counterfeit operation. Counterfeit currency with these serial numbers in the approximate amount of \$195,800.00 has turned up around the country.

Name of Defendant: William J. Johnson, Jr.

Age: 38

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Manufacturing Counterfeit Currency carries not more than 20 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Various places around the country

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss: \$194,300.00

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 20, 2006 until March 12, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: May 4, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 7, 2009

Plea Date(s): July 23, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 12, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond: No

In Continuous Custody Since: Not

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Lyle E. Strom

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